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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS 3173 Cedar Road

FOR ENABLING LOCATION Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

INDEPENDENT AND LOCATION TRANSPARENT INTERACTION BETWEEN PROGRAM AND USER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously with the filing of a CPA-Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

In the claims:

Cancel already allowed claims 1-10, which are the subject of a patent issuing on the parent application.

Amend Claim 13 as set forth on the following pages.